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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: March 24, 1953

SUBJECT: Albania

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EXCISE

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Phedon A. Cavalierato, Counselor, Greek Embassy
Mr. William J. Porter, GTI

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Mr. Cavalierato called on March 24, 1953 at his request. He said his Embassy wished to pass on to us a comment received from Athens as a result of the Greek Ambassador's report on his conversation with Mr. Byroade and Mr. Richards on March 17, 1953.

I replied that it seemed likely that there had been some confusion somewhere along the line, as I had seen no information whatever to that effect. Mr. Cavalierato said that his Ambassador had reacted similarly to this Athens comment.

I referred to the Ambassador's statements to Mr. Byroade concerning Greece's desire that the territorial integrity of Albania be maintained, and I inquired what bearing this would have on the Greek claim to Northern Epirus which is on the agenda of the CFM. Mr. Cavalierato said that in their view this desire would not affect their claim in any way. It was merely an indication of the fact that the Greeks intend to refrain from trouble-making with respect to Albania in the hope that others will do likewise. In the meantime, the validity of their claim remains unchanged. He was quite clear about this point.

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